

12 March 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 12 March 1969

DD/I reminded the Director that in response to Drew University's request a seminar is now scheduled to take place on 13 April, at which time the participants will be briefed by the DD/I.

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*The Director once again raised the question of how best to put in understandable prose the size (manpower) of NVN units. A discussion ensued identifying several devices and the Director asked Godfrey to encourage OCI analysts to utilize each in an appropriate way in future OCI productions.

Godfrey reported receipt of a request from the Department of State to brief two members of Governor Rockefeller's party which will accompany him on the projected trip to Latin America. The Director concurred.

D/ONE related that the Department of State wishes to provide Governor Rockefeller with the most recent Estimates on Latin America. The Director concurred.

*DD/S noted that the movie of President Nixon's visit here had been shown yesterday and that, following viewing by the Director, it was his plan to show the film to employees in the auditorium. The Director noted his busy schedule and asked DD/S to proceed. The Director called attention to this morning's Washington Post item by Clopton and Causey on the President's visit.

Carver reported that he had a good conversation with John Walsh and that we would be receiving the State cables of last October which are of particular interest. The Director welcomed this development.

Carver noted that Marshall Green would be taking up the post of Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, that Habib would remain in Paris, and that Ambassador Sullivan would assume the post of Deputy Assistant Secretary for East Asian and Pacific Affairs.

Maury reported that members of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Military Construction will be invited guests at tomorrow's briefing of the full Defense Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee.

*Maury reported that Senator Mundt is apparently on a crusade to identify the cause of world-wide student dissent and observed that our data should be compatible or consistent with the FBI's. The Director asked the DD/I to contact Sam Papich on this matter.

*Maury raised the question of the usefulness of passing copies of Senator Ervin's correspondence with the Director to selected senators. The Director concurred in sharing the letters with Senators Stennis, Russell, and Jackson but cautioned against further distribution since it opens the Agency to charges of lobbying. Houston observed that Ervin's letters require a response from the Director and suggested that the draft responses be shown to Senator Russell in order that we may obtain his advice on this matter. The Director concurred.

DD/S&T briefed on his attendance at yesterday's meeting of the Defense Science Board. A discussion followed with the consensus being that it was perhaps too late to overcome political opposition to the Sentinel program. Maury called attention to Townsend Hoopes' letter to the editor in today's Washington Post on "The ABM and Nuclear Talks with Russia."

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The Director asked that his briefing materials for his appearance tomorrow before the full Defense Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee be reviewed carefully by the DD/I and by Carver. He asked that the DD/I, DD/S&T, and Bruce Clarke accompany him.

In response to the Director's question, Godfrey reported that the OCI memorandum on students would be completed by the end of this week.

The Director briefed on yesterday's 303 Committee meeting, noting that U. Alexis Johnson is inclined to ask hard questions and Secretary Packard is exceptionally well prepared.

The Director noted that he had spoken with Director Mayo of BOB who would pass along his letter to Jim Clark. (This concerned the Director's letter of 11 March 1969 to Mr. Mayo [redacted])

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Goodwin called attention to the articles on international financing in today's Wall Street Journal.

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* Extracted and sent to action officer

The Federal Diary

Early Bird Finch Gets Stopped at Nest

By Williard Clopton Jr.
and Mike Causey

Some Federal officials are suspicious of people who come to work early. For that, and for reasons of building security, a number of Government agencies now require passes or identification from employees who arrive early, or leave after the regular quitting time.

Monday morning, about 8:30, an early bird at Health, Education and Welfare was going through the check-your-pass-and-sign-in-please ritual. He wasn't due on the job for half an hour.

While the civil servant and the building guard were completing their business, a tall man breezed past them, heading down a hall toward some elevators.

The guard called out for the tall man to show his pass. He turned around and confessed that he didn't have one, but that he was the Secretary of HEW, and would that do?

The guard then recognized his new boss, Robert Finch, and said he could proceed.

As he continued down the hall the Secretary turned to a man walking behind him and said: "I guess I'm not too visible around here!" He didn't have any trouble getting past the guard yesterday.

General Services Administration workers at Crystal Mall say the elevators are at it



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again. The six elevators in Building No. 4 are working, employees note, but they seem to be programmed for express trips to the 11th floor.

People in between floors one and 11 find it takes awhile for an elevator to stop at their level. Most of GSA's top officials work on the 11th floor.

Social call: A stranger made his way past the well-tended portals of the Central Intelligence Agency's Langley, Va., preserve the other day, but it wasn't a security breakdown. It was just President Nixon, making another in his series of personal visits to Federal agencies—in this case, his first stop at a non-Cabinet level department.

His talk to CIA employees was mostly serious. He praised them for doing well a difficult and necessary task without receiving the kind of public acclaim they might get in other agencies.

As has been the case throughout his exploration of the bureaucracy, he also pro-

voked some chuckles. He told this story:

"The first time President Eisenhower came out here to lay the cornerstone, he couldn't find the CIA or the building. So he ordered a sign be put up, 'The Central Intelligence Agency.'"

"Then when President Kennedy came out in 1961 he saw the sign and he ordered it taken down because, after all, if it is the CIA it should not be so well advertised."

"So that leaves me with somewhat of a dilemma. I usually have said as I have gone to the Department of State, the Department of Defense, the Department of Commerce, the Department of Agriculture, and all the others, 'It is a pleasure to be here.'"

"But the CIA is not supposed to be here. So I suppose what I am supposed to say now is, it is a pleasure not to be here."

Dedication: Postal Record tells of the harrowing experience of a Groton, Conn., postman who saw a crow making off with a letter he'd just placed in a rural mailbox.

"After chasing the crow several hundred feet down the road and over the fence, the chagrined carrier finally

caused the bird to drop the letter, which he personally delivered to the patron."

The elusive missive, it turned out, contained a form announcement of the closing of a local store. Remarks the Journal: "Who knows what would have happened if the patron would not have learned this information?"

Checkup: During 1968, health units of the U.S. Public Health Service's Division of Federal Employee Health screened 40,000 workers and turned up nearly 4000 cases of previously undetected physical ailments. The conditions included cancer, diabetes and glaucoma.

There's hope: The GOP Newsletter reports that 47 members of Congress are former journalists. There are 134 with business or banking experience, 73 teachers, and 50 farmers. Well over half, 389, are service veterans and 310 are lawyers.

Joseph P. Smith Jr., who during his career oversaw the sale of more than \$100 million worth of real estate in three Atomic Energy Commission communities, has retired from the Department of Housing and Urban Development after 38 years in government.